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Hampton's Yard of the Year Winner: Belva Wineman!

Belva Wineman, 920 Old Big Bethel Road, is the Hampton Clean City Commission's 2002 Yard of the Year award winner. The award is the highlight of the Yards Are Really Distinctive Showplaces beautiful yards contest, which is administered by the Commission's Beautification Committee. Contestants are judged not just on the appearance of



their yard, but also on the measures they take to maintain their landscapes in an environmentally friendly way. For example, Ms. Wineman's large yard was planted in St. Augustine grass, a turf that requires less water. Her flower beds included a number of native perennials and shrubs, and she used trees to good advantage to shade her house and reduce energy costs. Her flowerbeds are "timed" to bloom every month of the year.

Ms. Wineman says she works in her yard for the pure enjoyment of it, and that she's happiest when she out there (6-8 hours a day!) communing with God and nature. It doesn't matter if anyone sees the results of her labor -- she does it for herself. She even mows the church yard across the street and helps her neighbors with their yards.

McDonald Garden Center donated a gift certificate to the 2002 Yard of the Year winner. Their support is greatly appreciated. Rita Honeycutt, a local artist, painted the portrait of Ms. Wineman's yard. Other sponsors of the YARDS contest are Bloxom's Nursery and Mercury Mulch and Garden Center. Contest supporters include Virginia Cooperative Extension, Hampton Master Gardeners, and Hampton Woman's Club.

For more information about the Hampton Clean City Commission's Yards Are Really Distinctive Showplaces contest, the Beautification Committee, or the Hampton Clean City Commission, visit our web site at hampton.gov/hccc, call 727-6394, or e-mail hccc@hampton.gov.

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